

Silchar	308
Mizoram	123
Tripura North	731
Tripura South	1753

(b) The number of the immigrants pushed back into Bangladesh during 1991 is 53,733 and those handed over to the local authorities for legal action is 8,155.

Indian Prisoners in Pakistan

2664. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:
KUMARI UMA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians imprisoned in Pakistan including Military personnel; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to get them released?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVISINH SOLANKI):

(a) According to information available, 1031 Indians are believed to be in Pakistani jails.

(b) Government have on several occasions taken up with the Government of Pakistan the question of the release and early repatriation of all Indian prisoners. Efforts to secure the release of Indian prisoners continue.

Amendment to Punjab Municipal Act, 1911

2665. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Delhi Municipal Committee has submitted a proposal for amending the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The New Delhi Municipal Committee has submitted a proposal in this regard to Delhi Administration. No such proposal has been received by the Government of India.

[Translation]

Migration of Scheduled Castes from Chitradipur, Mehsana of Gujarat

2666. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have directed the Government of Gujarat to submit the report regarding migration of Scheduled Castes from village Chitradipur, Mehsana of Gujarat;

(b) if so whether the Government of Gujarat have since submitted the report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Gujarat have taken steps to settle the migrated Scheduled Castes at Lakhavad near Mehsana and also provided cash relief, temporary shelters and other facilities.

(d) The question does not arise.

Foreigners Settling Illegally in India

2667. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given on December 2, 1991 to the Starred Question No. 146 regarding foreigners settling illegally in India and State;

(a) whether the information in regard to parts (b) and (c) of the question has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). No, Sir. A number of State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have not furnished the requisite information as yet. They have been impressed upon the expedite the same.

Activities of Foreign Spies and Terrorists

2668. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Seemavarti Kshetron Mein Vedeshi Jassos Va Ugravadi Sakriya" appearing in *Hindustan (Patna)* dated January 3, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts of the case; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Government is aware of this news item.

(b) and (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

LPG Cylinders found Filled with Water in Delhi

2669. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that gas Cylinders in Delhi are found filled with water instead of cooking gas;

(b) the number of such complaints received by the Government during the last six months;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made into the matter; and

(d) if so, the action taken against the persons found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

[English]

Coconut Plantation

2670. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched any scheme of development of coconut plantation in the Coastal States;

(b) if so, whether any such scheme has been launched in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to bring additional areas in Orissa under Coconut Plantation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?